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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF 24 DEFERS ACTION ON TRUST
TERRITORY

1. THE RAPPORTEUR OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON SMALL TERRITORIES OF THE COMMITTEE OF 24 (C-24) FORMALLY INTRODUCED SUBCOMMITTEE'S REPORT ON THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS AT AUG 9 MEETING OF C-24 (A/AC.109/L.1247). AT MEETING AUG 10 HE INTRODUCED REVISIONS (WHICH HAD BEEN MADE AT REQUEST OF SOVIETS; THESE REVISIONS TELEPHONED TO DEPT IO/UNP AUG 10). ACTION ON REPORT WAS DEFERRED, HOWEVER, AT REQUEST OF SOVIET REP. ACCORDING TO AUSTRALIAN REP (SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTEUR), SOVIET TOLD HIM THAT REVISED REPORT ACCEPTABLE BUT IT WAS NECESSARY TO GET FORMAL APPROVAL FROM HIGHER AUTHORITY. C-24 WILL PROBABLY TAKE REPORT UP AT NEXT MEETING AUG 14.

2. FOLLOWING INTRODUCTION OF REPORT AUG 9, COMMITTEE HEARD A STATEMENT BY ROGER S. CLARK OF THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. REITERATING THE LEAGUE'S "LONG-STANDING CONCERN" FOR THE FUTURE OF THE TTPI, CLARK EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL HAD NOT TAKEN A STRONG ENOUGH STAND ON "THE FAILURE OF THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY" TO FULFILL ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE CHARTER AND TRUST AGREEMENT TO PROMOTE THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE TERRITORY. HE CLAIMED THE RESIDENTS OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS HAD BEEN DENIED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROPER EXERCISE OF THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AS THEY HAD BEEN GIVEN NO CHANCE TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES TO THE COVENANT OF ASSOCIATION WITH THE US. WHICH DID NOT, IN THE LEAGUE'S VIEW, CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF A "FREE ASSOCIATION." HE COMMENTED THAT THE HILO AGREEMENT APPEARED TO CONFORM MORE CLOSELY TO UN-DEFINED PRINCIPLES OF FREE ASSOCIATION, NOTING THAT THE RIGHT OF THE MICRONESIANS UNILATERALLY TO TERMINATE THE ASSOCIATION CONCEDED. CITING EXPORT/IMPORT STATISTICS, CLARK SAID THEY RAISED SERIOUS QUESTIONS ABOUT 30 YEARS OF REPORTS ON "THE ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY OF THE INHABITANTS" PROMISED BY THE TRUST AGREEMENT. ON WAR CLAIMS HE WONDERED IF THE US WOULD REFUSE TO "MEET ITS OBLIGATION TO ITS WARDS ON THE THEORY THAT ANOTHER PARTY IS ALSO IN DEFAULT". HE ALSO THOUGHT THERE HAD BEEN INSUFFICIENT UN INVOLVEMENT IN THE SELF-DETERMINATION PROCESS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY.

3. AUSTRALIAN REP COMMENTED TO MISOFF THAT CLARK WAS IMPRESSIVE AND EFFECTIVE SPOKESMAN. HIS APPEARANCE, HOWEVER, HAS NOT SO FAR PROVOKED ANY DEBATE IN THE

COMMITTEE. WELLS

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